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VIEW FROM THE TOWER

The National Agricultural Library stands tall not because it is headquartered in a modern 15 story building. It stands tall because of the great value of its services to American agriculture.

But are these services fully adequate in view of the tremendous economic upheaval of recent months experienced by farmers and others in the agri-business community?

The answer to this question not only underscores the present vitally important role of the National Agricultural Library, but it could also open the way in the future for new programs and an era of greater usefulness.

To successfully meet these new challenges, the National Agricultural Library needs even stronger ties with the Nation's top agricultural leaders. And developing programs to strengthen such ties

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Committee Chairmen

Membership: Mildred Benton

Financial Development: Patrick Brennan

Awards: Dean Trivette

Editorial: Angelina Carabelli

Nominating: Julia Finette Davis

Social: (No chairman)

Professional Activities Fund: C.S. Shaffner

is a worthy objective meriting major attention in the year ahead from The Associates of the National Agricultural Library, Inc.

Frank Frazier
President

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

The third annual meeting convened at the National Agricultural Library on June 18 at 10:30 a.m. The major highlight of the meeting was the first annual presentation of awards by The Associates for outstanding contributions to agricultural librarianship and literature. Presentation of awards was made by Mary Ruth Brown, Chairman, Awards Committee and Angelina Carabelli, President. Three awards were made by The Associates:

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD--- awarded to a member of the National Agricultural Library, whom the Committee considers deserving of special recognition for improvements in operational procedures through either the conservation of money or time, improvements in the quality of service given to NAL patrons, or improvements affecting staff morale.

We congratulate STAFFORD L. JONES for his initiative and leadership in the Serial Records Section of the National Agricultural Library. Mr. Jones joined the Library in 1946, working first in the Photoduplication Section, and later transferring to Lending and eventually to Serial Records, where he was made a supervisor in 1969.

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD--- awarded to a professional librarian on the staff of the National Agricultural Library who has contributed to library literature or given meritorious service to the library science field.

This award went to OLGA LENDVAY for her contribution in preparing two bibliographies on Wheat and on Corn, both published by Scarecrow Press. Miss Lendvay's contribution has greatly enhanced and benefited agricultural literature, as well as the library science field.

CITATION OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION--- awarded in recognition of special service given to the National Agricultural Library as a one time occurrence or over a sustained period of time by a member of ANAL, NAL, or an individual or organization. The citation this year was made to DR. DOROTHY I. PARKER and the ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION for their work in furthering the development of medical and agricultural library programs throughout the world.

Since Dr. Parker's first association with the Foundation in 1945, they have worked to develop and implement specific programs aimed at improving medical and agricultural library programs. This experience has taken Dr. Parker to Mexico, India, Central and South America; to Europe, Africa, and throughout North America. Finally, in 1960, it led Dr. Parker to New York, where she was assigned to work on medical and agricultural library programs in developing countries. Her experience has resulted in several books, one co-authored with Angelina Carabelli: A Guide for an Agricultural Library Survey for Developing Countries, which was published in 1970 by the Scarecrow Press.

The very good membership turnout this year was gratifying. The business meeting was opened by Angelina Carabelli, President. The first order of business was the announcement of the new officers for 1973/74.

Frank Frazier - President
Charles E. Kellogg - Vice-President
Mary Ruth Brown - Treasurer
Margaret S. Bryant - Recording Secretary
Angelina Carabelli - Immediate Past President
Patrick Brennen - Personal Membership Representative
David Lee - Ex officio NAL Representative 1973/76

Continuing in office as ex officio NAL Representatives are:

Alan Fusonie 1971/74
Kevin J. Keaney 1972/75

A summary of committee reports was presented by the Executive Secretary. Membership. Mildred Benton, Chairman; Ellen Mayeux and Phyllis Frame, members. The Committee has actively been seeking new members through personal correspondence and social contacts. The membership presently stands at:

Personal-----	64
Institutional----	6
NAL Staff-----	10
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A membership list will be distributed as part of the October Newsletter (No. 8)

Professional Activities Fund Committee. Dr. C. S. Shaffner, Chairman; Angelina Carabelli and Dr. Dorothy T. Parker, advisors; J. M. Holmes, Liaison; Dr. Richard Blanchard, Mildred Benton, and Foster Mohrhardt, members. The Committee was established to administer the \$5,000 grant received from The Rockefeller Foundation to assist foreign library students studying in the United States and with an interest in the agricultural sciences. Four travel grants were made to doctoral students from the University of Pittsburgh to attend the American Library Association Convention in Las Vegas.

Naimuddin Qureshi (Pakistan)	\$425
Jacob Oluwafemi Fasanya (Nigeria)	"
K. Subramanyam (India)	"
Mr. Adeniji (Nigeria)	"

Additional requests for financial assistance are currently being processed for a visit to the U. S. Forest Service Library, Madison, Wis., attendance at an NAL Workshop, and attendance at the ASIS '73 Meeting in Los Angeles. The Committee is to be congratulated for its work in drawing up policy statements, guidelines, and forms vital to the administration of this Fund.

Awards. Mary Ruth Brown, Chairman; Marguerite M. Hanchey, Eugenie L. Moss, Dean Trivette, members. This Committee is to be commended for its dedicated work over the past several years. Its accomplishments include the establishment of three awards to be made annually by The Associates, the preparation of Guidelines for making awards, selection of appropriate trophies, and design of certificates. Considerable

effort was made by the Committee to obtain funds from private business in order to give cash awards. The current economic situation precluded this and the Committee selected trophies instead, to be purchased from the general funds of The Associates. Selection of candidates was made by the Committee ^{from} ~~Letters~~ submitted by sponsors. The Committee will be chaired in 1973/74 by Mr. Dean Trivette, Agriculture Library, University of Kentucky.

Nominating. Julia Finette Davis, Chairman; Donal D. Johnson, Harry C. Trelogan, Dorothy I. Parker, Vearl Smith, Wayne D. Rasmussen, members. The time and effort put in by this Committee and particularly its able chairman in drawing up a slate of officers for 1973/74 are deeply appreciated. The new officers compose an exceptionally able group and we look for a very vigorous leadership from them.

Financial Development. This Committee was established in 1973 to explore ways and means of raising funds for The Associates. A preliminary meeting was attended by Dr. C. S. Shaffner, Angelina Carabelli, and Leila Moran. Several interesting possibilities developed, but in the pressure of other business, these ideas never reached fruition. The new Committee Chairman is Patrick Brennen, Agriculture Library, University of Delaware. ~~Members~~ of The Associates interested in serving on this Committee should contact Mr. Brennen directly.

Editorial. An ad hoc Editorial Committee has been established under the chairmanship of Angelina Carabelli; members are Ruth Pyne and Judith Ho. The Committee is currently engaged in preparing the 1973 annual monograph.

Social. An ad hoc Social Committee has been established to assist the Executive Secretary with social functions sponsored by The Associates. ~~Members~~ are Florence Foss, Irene White, Judy Ho, and Ruth Pyne.

The following Committees are presently inactive: Agricultural History, Bicentennial, Program, Retirement, Special Privileges, Special Projects. Members interested in developing these Committees should advise the Executive Secretary.

BUDGET

1973/1974

The following Budget was presented at the Annual Meeting.

Estimated income.....\$ 3,645

Membership dues.....	\$ 945
Copia II income.....	2500
Miscellaneous.....	200
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Estimated expenditures

Donations to National Agricultural Library (annual gift, books, etc.).....	\$ 235
Discretionary fund for Director, NAL.....	100
Copia II expenses.....	2,275
Office supplies, printing, etc.....	935
Awards.....	100
Total....	3,645

ODDS AND ENDS

Membership Dues. The annual dues are payable at the beginning of the fiscal year July 1. Renewal notices have been mailed. For those of you who have not yet renewed your membership, we would appreciate hearing from you. Members in good standing will find their membership cards stapled to the front page of this Newsletter.

Annual Gift. The Associates have collected and are having framed portraits of past directors of NAL as its annual gift for 1973 to the Library. These portraits will also appear in our monographic publication now in

preparation - The National Agricultural Library, a Chronicle of Its Leadership and Attainments 1862- June 30, 1973.

The Associates also contributed \$55.00 to the refurbishing of the Law Library of the D. C. Branch.

The Board of Directors accepted at its meeting April 25, 1973 responsibility for administration of the Louise O. Bercaw Fund. This action was taken on the grounds that it is illegal for NAL staff to be involved in making loans to fellow employees. The Board established two criteria for loans:

1. New employees pending receipt of first paycheck.
2. Any employees who fail to receive paychecks or receive paychecks that are too small through administrative error.

The Associates, in an action approved by the Board April 25, 1973, have established a Xerographic Fund with the purchase of \$50.00 worth of coupons from the Photoduplication Unit, NAL. The coupons will be used to pay for small orders received by NAL requesting copy from journal literature, which arrive without prepayment and when the amount involved would not justify the expense of billing or returning the order for payment.

HAPPENINGS AT NAL

A contract has been awarded Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, Inc. to provide on-line interactive bibliographic search and retrieval service for the CAIN (Cataloging-INDEXing) data base. This system is intended to serve primarily the bibliographic information needs of the U. S. Department of Agriculture through the Library. Service will also be

available to anyone in the agricultural community at a modest cost. Service from the CAIN data base is also available from Systems Development Corp. on a cost basis.

The University of California Davis Library has received a contract from NAL to implement a Document Delivery System Pilot Project for USDA field personnel in the Tri-State Region of California, Arizona and Oregon. The project is designed to obtain data on the speed and efficiency of Document Delivery to USDA agriculturists on a regional basis rather than directly from the National Agricultural Library.

CALENDAR
FOR
PHASING ADMINISTRATION OF THE ASSOCIATES NAL, INC.
ACTIVITIES

JULY 1, 1973- JUNE 30, 1974

July 1973	Draft No. 7 of "Today" Newsletter.
August 1973	Complete award of travel grants from the Professional Activities Fund. Complete draft of 1973 annual monograph. Issue "Today" Newsletter No. 7.
September 1973	Draft No. 8 of "Today" Newsletter. Publish 1973 annual monograph. Report to Rockefeller Foundation on the Professional Activities Fund.
October 1973	Issue No. 8 of "Today" Newsletter. Contact Committee Chairmen for reports.
November 1973	Board of Directors Meeting.
December 1973	Review Board Meeting Report. Draft plans for carrying out new activities.

December 1973	Draft "Today" Newsletter No.9.
January 1974	Issue "Today" Newsletter No. 9. Solicit nominations for The Associates Awards Program.
February 1974	Contact Committee Chairmen for reports.
March 1974	Board of Directors Meeting. Draft "Today" Newsletter No. 10.
April 1974	Plan annual meeting . Issue "Today" Newsletter No. 10.
May 1974	Review all activities of year for annual meeting. Contact Committee Chairmen for reports.
June 1974	Annual Meeting.

